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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MPOL, NATO, US, GW, DK  
SUBJECT: EVANS-NOVAK STORY APPLIED TO DENMARK

REF: A. USNATO 07455 B. BONN 12663

1. AUGUST 4 "BERLINGSKE TIDENDE" (INDEPENDENT  
CONSERVATIVE), DENMARK'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS NEWS-  
PAPER, FRONT-PAGED STORY FROM ITS WASHINGTON  
CORRESPONDENT, BENT ALBRECTSEN, WHICH PLAYED  
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BACK EVANS-NOVAK ARTICLE. BERLINGSKE EMPHASIZED  
EFFECT OF EVANS-NOVAK STORY ON DENMARK BY THREE-  
COLUMN HEADLINE, "THE DANISH BORDER WITHOUT U.S.  
DEFENSE."

2. LAST PARAGRAPH OF STORY PICKS UP STATE DEPARTMENT "CLARIFICATION"  
OF

EVANS-NOVAK STORY, WITH BEGINNING QUOTE, "IT IS AMERICA'S POLICY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FORWARD DEFENSE OF ALL WESTERN EUROPE..."

3. TEXT OF ENTIRE ALBRECTSEN STORY FOLLOWS IN SEPTEL.

4. MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR, OLE BIERRING, HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED TO ME DANISH GOVERNMENT CONCERN OVER IMPLICATIONS OF STORY AS THEY AFFECT DENMARK. I HAVE SENT BIERRING ALL INFO ON SUBJECT CONTAINED IN AUGUST 3 USIS WIRELESS FILE.

5. I WOULD APPRECIATE NIACT IMMEDIATE REPLY WITH ANY AUTHORITATIVE FURTHER CLARIFICATION FROM ADMINISTRATION. EVANS-NOVAK STORY IS GRIST IN THE MILL FOR DANES WHO QUESTION CREDIBILITY OF US-NATO DEFENSE OF THEIR SMALL AND EXPOSED COUNTRY.

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